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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS FLASH

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SUBJECT:ALLEGATIONS OF ARMS VIOLATIONS BY AMCITS IN
NIGERIA

1. ACCORDING FBIS, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM LAGOS
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BROADCAST IN ENGLISH AT 1530 GMT
29 JULY 1976: QUOTE. AN AMERICAN, CAPT. (G. LOCK), WAS
TODAY IN LAGOS SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS, 6 MONTHS IMPRISON-
MENT FOR ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS INTO NIGERIA.
HE COMMITTED THE OFFENSE LAST MONTH IN WARRI, BENDEL
STATE. THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE REMARKED THAT THE ACCUSED
PERSON HAD CONTRAVENED THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT'S DECREE ON FIREARMS, ADDING THAT THIS WAS NOT
IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF NATIONAL SECURITY. UNQUOTE.

2. MANAGER OF LOUIS BERGER OFFICE IN CALABAR WHO RE-
TURNED US LAST WEEK SAYS TWO AMCIT EMPLOYEES OF SHELL-BP
RECENTLY ARRESTED IN PORT HARCOURT FOR ALLEGED POSSES-
SION OF FIREARMS. MANAGER NOT CERTAIN THESE DETAILS
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ACCURATE, BUT HE AWARE OF GUTHRIE/SPRIGGS CASE AND

BELIEVES PORT HARCOURT CASE IS ENTIRELY SEPARATE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SECRETARY MEETING WITH GARBA AT
3:30 EDT. REQUEST ALL INFO AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY
REGARDING FBIS REPORT BY FLASH MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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